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Vichy Communauté and Transdev choose Bluebus electric buses

In November 2018, four 12-metre, 100%-electric Bluebus buses made by Bolloré will join the fleet of vehicles in Mobivie, the Vichy Communauté urban transport network operated by Transdev.

Local elected officials and Transdev's top brass toured the Bluebus plant near Quimper, Brittany to see the four buses taking shape on the assembly line.

Vichy Communauté, Transdev and Bluebus: partners working for electric mobility

In December 2017, Vichy Communauté asked Transdev to operate its bus network for the next eight years. Local elected officials were impressed by the company's seriousness, quality and wide-ranging offer. This is a qualitative environmental leap: by choosing the 100% electric Bluebus, Vichy Communauté turns its back on diesel and ushers in the age of electric mobility — a national first outside Ile-de-France.

1-Bluebus: French know-how, skill, expertise and innovation

The Bluebus, the Bolloré Group's electric bus, is made at an ISO 9001 certified plant in Quimper and has the Guaranteed French Origin label. The vehicles come in two sizes — 6 and 12 metres — and run on lithium metal polymer (LMP®) batteries, also made in Quimper at the Bolloré Group's Blue Solutions plant. Unique in the world, the battery is made up of French cells, also has the Guaranteed French Origin label and contains no cobalt, rare earth elements or solvents. Combining cutting-edge technology, design and performance, the Bluebus range is a clean, quiet, environmentally safe means of urban and peri-urban public transport.

The four buses intended for the urban network in Vichy, queen of spa towns, will join the 240 Bluebus already on the road worldwide.

2-Transdev: the global leader in sustainable mobility

A global mobility leader, Transdev is a 70%-owned subsidiary of the Caisse des Dépôts in which Veolia has a 30% stake. Transdev advises and supports local authorities from the pre-planning stages to contracting assistance and operation of public transport networks on a daily basis. With 82,000 employees in 20 countries, it operates 13 modes of transport (train, metro, tram, tram-train, bus, coach, maritime, taxi/tourism, car-pooling, bike-sharing, transport of people with reduced mobility, ambulances, shuttle-sharing and parking) and 43,300 vehicles. In 2017, Transdev posted €6.6 billion in turnover. www.transdev.com

3-Vichy Communauté: moving towards eco-mobility

In 2018, Vichy Communauté, which obtained the TEPOS ("positive energy territory") label in October 2017, will become France's first urban area to operate high capacity, 100% electric buses 7/7.

The quiet, non-polluting (no CO2 emissions) buses will drastically shrink the urban area's public transport carbon footprint. They will carry half the travellers on the Mobivie network and offer them all-electric service, including Sundays, throughout the spa town. The buses will help to achieve the urban area's goal of becoming greener and ever more receptive to new technologies.

About Blue Solutions:

Publicly traded since October 30, 2013, Blue Solutions is the company that manages the electrical storage operations developed by the Bolloré group. By diversifying its historical business of producing paper and ultrathin plastic film, the Bolloré group has become a producer of complete electrical components for capacitors, and now holds over one-third of the global market. With this expertise and 20 years of R&D, the group has engineered electrical storage solutions and batteries that rely on a unique technology, the LMP® (Lithium Metal Polymer) battery as well as supercapacitor technology. The batteries are employed both in mobile applications (electric vehicles) as well as stationary ones (storing electricity for individuals, businesses, local governments, etc.) developed and sold by other group entities through Blue Applications, which since 2011 has been rapidly growing on every continent. www.blue-solutions.com

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